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SUBJECT: LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM: DOL ARBITRATION SEMINAR

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1. LABATT MET JULY 5 WITH JOSE MIGUEL PRADOS (DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LABOR, MINISTRY OF LABOR) ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE OECD-SPONSORED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, JULY 10-13. EMBASSY TOOK THIS OCCASION TO NAIL DOWN THE DATES OF THE DOL ARBITRATION SEMINARS (REFTEL A): SEPTEMBER 6, 7, AND 8 FOR MADRID, AND SEPT 11, 12, AND 13 FOR BARCELONA. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT EARLIER CONVERSATIONS REGARDING SEMINAR HAD BEEN HELD WITH PRADOS' DEPUTY, SUB-DIRECTOR GENERAL JOSE BARRIONUEVO (SEE MADRID 5608 AND 5410). WE SUGGEST THAT IKE GOLDEN (ILAB/DOL) AND/OR ED MCHALE (PGM/PD/LABOR, ICA) SEE PRADOS DURING HIS WASHINGTON STAY (CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN DEPARTMENT AND PRADOS STAYING AT GEORGETOWN INN) FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED PRESENTATION. PRADOS WILL BE EXPECTING TO BE CONTACTED. EMBASSY WOULD EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN
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IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING TOP-LEVEL ARBITRATION EXPERTS (HOPEFULLY, SOME SPANISH-SPEAKING) ON U.S. SIDE. SPANISH PARTICIPANTS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SOME POLICY-MAKERS. FURTHER, MINISTER OF LABOR CALVO ORTEGA ANNOUNCED ON JULY 5 THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTE OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.

2. WITH RESPECT PARA 6 OF REFTTEL B, PRADOS IS OF OPINION THAT TOPIC "GOVT ROLE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING" WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT AND MOST TIMELY ADDITIONAL JOINT MISSION-MINISTRY OF LABOR PROJECT. CALVO ORTEGA HAS IDENTIFIED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AS A TOP PRIORITY OF THE GOVT'S LABOR REFORM LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. THIS ADDITIONAL PROJECT (PERHAPS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1979) COULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED WITH PRADOS IN WASHINGTON. EATON

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